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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Application No. 09/881,218

Filing Date June 13, 2001

First Named Inventor Liu et al.

Group Art Unit 2872

Examiner Name Pritchett, Joshua L.

Attorney Docket No. 42P11429

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666
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 - iv. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$ 770 enclosed
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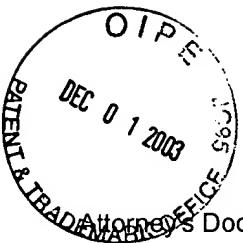
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In re the Application of: Liu et al. (inventor(s))

Application No.: 09/881,218

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TUNING A BRAGG GRATING IN A SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE
(title)

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SIR: Transmitted herewith is a Response and Amendment for the above application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 No additional fee is required.

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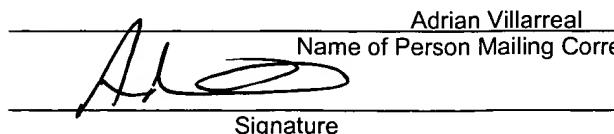
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.116

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Prosecution.

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